

FREDERICK W. LAMB.

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Mr. SULLOWAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10118.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10118) granting an increase of pension to Frederick W. Lamb, having carefully considered the same, respectfully report:

Frederick W. Lamb enlisted July 20, 1861, as private in Company H, Seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged March 28, 1862, on surgeon's certificate of disability for chronic rheumatism following typhoid fever.

He applied for pension February 16, 1878, for intermittent fever and congestion of the lungs, and was pensioned at \$4 from March 29, 1862, and at \$8 from May 5, 1880, for disease of left lung and sciatic rheumatism. His several claims for increase have been rejected by the Pension Bureau on the ground that he is pensioned commensurate with his disabilities due to service origin.

The board of examining surgeons, which examined him January 28, 1896, say:

Claimant is so disabled from heart disease, sciatica, and disease of nervous system as to be incapacitated for performing any manual labor.

Proof filed with the committee shows this soldier suffering from sciatic rheumatism, double inguinal hernia, caused, he says, by severe fits of coughing; disease of lungs, and one leg shorter than the other from rheumatism or paralysis, and is now unable to dress or undress himself without assistance. The disabilities of heart and nervous prostration which appear to have been the result of the chronic rheumatism for which he was discharged, have rendered him helpless, and now his mind has become affected and he is under guardianship.

From the facts presented, the committee recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.